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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Names Ruby Cook as Senior Service Award Winner**

#### *Award recognizes Volunteer work by Missouri Seniors*

**Jefferson City-** Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced Ruby Cook of Columbia as a quarterly winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. As the official Senior Citizen Advocate for the State of Missouri, Lt. Gov. Kinder created the Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments that Missouri's senior citizens continually provide their local communities.

Ruby Cook has regularly participates in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) with the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging. She previously worked for the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging, benefiting the lives of many senior citizens. She has continued this work on a volunteer basis by pitching in at area senior centers since 1988, working as a hostess, organizing craft activities, mailing brochures, and anything else that is needed each day.

"There are thousands of Missourians whose lives are touched by the unselfish work and caring hand of someone like Ruby Cook," said Kinder. He added, "These acts of kindness go on unnoticed all around us every day. Ruby offers her time and labor back to the community, and I want to bring these stories to the public, so we can all thank her for this work."

Ruby Cook was nominated for the award by Rep. Judy Baker who said, “At age 92, Ruby’s dedication to service is still going strong. Ruby’s dependable and responsible nature serves as a role model to all of us.”

Ruby Cook will receive an official declaration from Lt. Gov. Kinder, a Senior Service Award Lapel pin, and special recognition at the State Capitol from Lt. Gov. Kinder.

Nominees for the Senior Service Award must be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the past year in their community. Senior volunteers can be nominated on a quarterly basis by filling out a brief form available on Lt. Gov. Kinder’s website at [www.ltgov.mo.gov](http://www.ltgov.mo.gov). Letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination forms.